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SUBJECT: KHMER SITUATIONER - SEPTEMBER 25, 1974

1. SCATTERED ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY WITH A DEFINITE INCREASE IN TEMPO IN SPECIFIC LOCALES.

2. ONE OF THESE WAS THE BANAM AREA WHERE A FANK SWEEP OPERATION NORTH OF THE TOWN OF BANAM TO THE TONLE TOCH RIVER RESULTED IN 17 ENEMY KILLED.

3. KOMPONG CHHNANG REPORTS ANOTHER OUTPOST LOST ALONG STRATEGIC ROUTE 5. A NUMBER OF THESE SMALL OUTPOSTS ALONG THIS ROUTE HAVE BEEN LOST IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. THERE IS NOW A CUT OF APPROXIMATELY 15 KILOMETERS ALONG THE HIGHWAY.

4. IN THE PHNOM PENH AREA 4 MORE ROCKETS HAVE LANDED IN THE AREA OF THE CAPITAL. THESE WERE APPARENTLY FIRED FROM YESTERDAY'S ENEMY POSITION IN THE BASSAC. THE ROCKETS LANDED IN THE SAME APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS. TWO OF THESE STRUCK NEAR THE SPEAN MONIVONG BRIDGE, AT THE SOUTHER PERIMETER OF THE CAPITAL. FOUR UNCLASSIFIED

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CIVILIANS WERE KILLED AND THREE WOUNDED. TO THE SOUTHEAST OF THE

CAPITAL A FANK AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION DESIGNED TO FLANK ENEMY FORCES IS AGAIN REPORTED.

5. KOMPONG SPEU LIKEWISE REPORTED AN INCREASE IN THE TEMPO OF WAR. SIX ATTACKS BY FIRE AND TWO ENGAGEMENTS ARE REPORTED. ALSO ALONG ROUTE 4, SOUTH OF TALAT, A SUCCESSFUL FANK AMBUSH WAS SPRUNG ON ENEMY UNITS RESULTING IN LIGHT CASUALTIES BY KC FORCES.

6. KAMPOT CONTINUES TO REPORT STEADY ENEMY ACTION.

7. AT KOH KRALOR, IN THE BATTAMBANG REGION, FANK FORCES ARE HOLDING APPROXIMATELY 6 KILOMETERS NORTH AND EAST OF THAT TOWN, IN A DRIVE TO RELIEVE THE PRESSURE ON KOH KRALOR.

8. SIEM REAP ALSO REPORTS A PICK-UP IN ENEMY ACTIVITY.
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